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1. A Diesel engine, around 1,500 revolutions and 320 hp., was built by Buckau-Wolff in September 1953. Pretreatment work on a 480 hp. V-engine has been finished. The main difficulties over materials are with crankshafts and connecting rods. Engines are delivered chiefly to shipyards in the Soviet Zone and to Poland. The production program calls currently for three types of engines: a 100 hp. Diesel, a 300 hp. Diesel, and an 800 hp. Diesel. An average of five 800 hp. engines are produced monthly, and about eight 300-320 hp. It happens, however, as was the case in September, that new construction has to be neglected because of urgent repair orders. There were four 1,500 hp. marine engines belonging to Soviet ships in the works in September for repair and overhauling. Three more ship's engines are booked for October. This work has to be given priority.
2. Deliveries of parts, many of which have to be manufactured according to blueprints, are being made to the Diesel engine works at Rostock. These orders are also treated as urgent.

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